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Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-21</u> are subject to restriction and/or e  Application Papers	election requirement.					
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.						
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- a. Group I, claim(s) 1-18, drawn to a filling process and apparatus.
- b. Group II, claim(s) 19-21, drawn to a pliable container.
- 2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The invention set forth in group I, generally claims a duct which is comprised part of a container used for filling on an apparatus set forth in the claims. The process and apparatus claims do not set forth the inventive concepts set forth in claims 19-21. The container set forth in these claims utilizes a first segment, a second segment adjoining the first segment, a third segment adjoining the second segment, which further comprises an inlet.

For this reason, restriction is proper.

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## Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul R. Durand whose telephone number is (571)272-4459. The examiner can normally be reached on 0830-1700, Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Paul R. Durand/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3721 March 28, 2008